



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 7194***

LCO No. 4475

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EXCEPTIONS TO THE TEN-YEAR REPOSE  
PERIOD FOR CERTAIN PRODUCT LIABILITY CLAIMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 52-577a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2017*):

4 (c) The ten-year limitation provided for in subsection (a) of this  
5 section shall not apply to any product liability claim brought by a  
6 claimant who [is not entitled to compensation under chapter 568,  
7 provided the claimant] can prove that the harm occurred during the  
8 useful safe life of the product. In determining whether a product's  
9 useful safe life has expired, the trier of fact may consider among other  
10 factors: (1) The effect on the product of wear and tear or deterioration  
11 from natural causes; (2) the effect of climatic and other local conditions  
12 in which the product was used; (3) the policy of the user and similar  
13 users as to repairs, renewals and replacements; (4) representations,  
14 instructions and warnings made by the product seller about the useful  
15 safe life of the product; and (5) any modification or alteration of the  
16 product by a user or third party.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	52-577a(c)
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***JUD***      *Joint Favorable*